

Meeting Date: 09/30/08

# AGENDA REPORT

City of Santa Clara, California

Agenda Item # 7E-1



**Date:** September 19, 2008

**To:** City Manager for Council Action

**From:** Director of Planning and Inspection

**Subject:** Special Permit to Allow Temporary Trailers and Tents for Special Events at California's Great America, 2401 Agnew Road (PLN2006-05714)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The applicant, California's Great America, is requesting a Special Permit to allow the use of temporary trailers and tents for special events using the parking lots at California's Great America, for the next two years.

This request for one permit for two calendar years will reduce the amount of time expended by the Council and California's Great America on Special Permits while still maintaining the City's authority. Each event will still require Fire Marshal and Building Official approvals, permits, and inspections.

This request will cover Special Permits normally required for temporary trailers and tents used by Great America for first aid offices, hiring offices, restrooms, and dressing rooms. It will also cover special events staged at the theme park and using the parking lots.

A similar approval has been in effect for the past eleven years without any negative impacts. The applicant's letter of request is attached to this report.

## **ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ISSUE:**

This request will reduce the amount of time expended by the City Council and Staff while maintaining the City's authority.

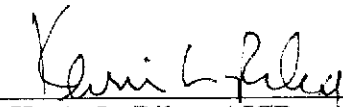
## **ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no cost to the City other than administrative staff time and expense.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

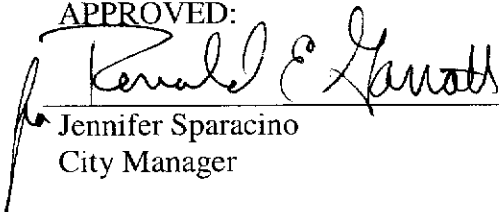
That the Council approve this request for a Special Permit to allow the use of temporary trailers and tents in conjunction with Special events held at California's Great America (PLN2006-05714), located at 2401 Agnew Road, for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions:

1. This permit shall extend for a period of two years and expire on May 31, 2010 (the current permit expiration date was May 31, 2008).
2. Prior to each event, the applicant shall obtain Fire Marshal permits and approvals for the placement of the tents.
3. Prior to each event, the applicant shall obtain Building Official approval and permits for all utility hook-ups.
4. Each year, the applicant shall provide to the Director of Planning and Inspection a listing detailing the activities covered by this permit that have taken place.



Kevin L. Riley, AICP  
Director of Planning and Inspection

APPROVED:



Jennifer Sparacino  
City Manager

*Documents Related to this Report:*

- 1) *Great America letter, dated September 19, 2008*

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# California's Great America

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Attn: Kevin Reilly  
Re: CA Great America Special Permit - PLN2006-05714

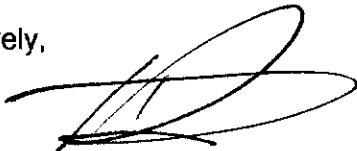
Dear Kevin,

This is in regards to the special two-year blanket permit granted to Great America for approval to cover an open range of Special Permits. This blanket permit from the Planning Division typically covers temporary trailers and tents used for various purposes in the park, as well as special events. However, Great America is still obligated to apply for and obtain permits with the Building and Fire Departments for any special events that require the use of temporary trailers and tents. Attached is a copy of this permit, formally typed in letter form.

Great America formally requests that this blanket permit be renewed, complete with all the stipulations and conditions expressed in previous blanket permits.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact myself at your earliest convenience at (408) 986-5874.

Sincerely,



Lowell Esposito  
Construction Manager

Enc: Special Permit - PLN2006-05714

Cc: Bill Lentz, GM, CGA  
Greg Sanders, Maintenance Director, CGA